

Also available is a fishing dock that is accessible to the mobility impaired. Boats can be launched at either of two boat ramps, giving access to the Mississippi's main channel, lakes and backwaters. Courtesy docks and fish cleaning stations are also provided.

- Interpretive Programs -

Park Rangers provide a variety of programs and activities throughout the summer. Interpretive programs may cover such topics as recreation, local history, and the environment. Other activities range from guided walks and campfire talks to natural craft programs.

- Swimming -

There is a designated beach for your enjoyment. Plenty of sand is provided for sunbathing and building castles. It is a popular place for swimming, splashing, and cooling off on hot summer days.

Park Rules

To ensure the enjoyment and safety of park users, we ask that you observe the following rules:

1. Campsites are obtained on a first come, first served basis.

NO RESERVATIONS ACCEPTED.

2. Camping in the park is limited to 14 days in any 30-day period.

3. Camping units must be occupied overnight.

4. Checkout time is 2:00 p.m. on the last day of your stay.

5. Please be courteous and observe our quiet hours in the park. They are from 10:00 p.m. to 6:00 a.m.

6. Pets are allowed if kept on a maximum 6-foot leash.

*****Additional information is posted on the bulletin board located along the entrance road and is available from the rangers.**

EMERGENCY PHONE NUMBERS

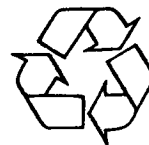
A public pay phone is available next to the concession stand located north of the park entrance.

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Water Safety

Protect yourself and your family. Think water safety at all times. The Mississippi River contains many unmarked water hazards the recreationist must remain alert for. Remember to always wear a Coast Guard-approved life jacket when you're boating, fishing, canoeing, water skiing or participating in any water-based recreational activity.

Your Safety ■ Our Concern



For more information
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Blackhawk Park



DeSoto, Wisconsin

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The U. S. Army Corps of Engineers welcomes you to Blackhawk Park. Located adjacent to the main channel of the Mississippi River, the project is three miles north of DeSoto, Wisconsin, and 30 miles south of La Crosse, Wisconsin, just off Wisconsin State Highway 35 on County Road BI. Blackhawk is the largest public use facility in Pool 9 of the mighty Mississippi. A wide variety of recreational opportunities are available to meet each visitors preference.

Recreational Opportunities

- Camping -

Blackhawk offers a choice of single or double campsites. Many sites are located along the shoreline and provide the camper with a picturesque view of the Mississippi River. Most campsites are equipped with a picnic table and ground fireplace. A limited number of campsites are available with electrical hook-ups. Additional facilities include toilets, drinking water, playgrounds and a sanitary dump station. A camping fee is required and must be paid by the camper occupying the campsite. All persons 62 years of age or older and individuals who have been medically determined to be blind or permanently disabled will receive a 50 percent reduction in camping fees if they are holders of a Golden Age/Access Passport. Passports can be obtained from a Park Ranger or Gate Attendant.

- Picnicking -

Picnic accommodations range from accessible, reserveable shelters for large groups to individual tables and grills located in day-use areas adjacent to the Mississippi River.

- Fishing and Boating -

Fishing can be enjoyed by all members of the family along any part of Blackhawk's shoreline.

